

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An oil pan structure, for a four-cycle engine having an oil pan connected to a lower part of a crank case and an oil pump for sucking an oil stored in the oil pan through an oil strainer and supplying the oil to parts of the engine for lubrication, comprising:

a swelled portion formed on a bottom portion of the oil pan by swelling the bottom portion to a side opposite to the crankcase;

a cover member provided on the swelled portion for covering a lower face of the bottom portion;

an oil passage ~~formed from~~ configured by the cover member and the bottom portion;

an oil introduction opening portion formed in the bottom portion for connecting the oil passage and inside of the crankcase, and

an oil suction opening portion formed in the bottom portion having a communication member for connecting the oil passage and the oil pump.

2. (Previously Presented) An oil pan structure according to claim 1, wherein the oil strainer is interposed between the cover member and the bottom portion.

3. (Allowed) An oil pan structure, for a four cycle engine having an oil pan connected to a lower part of a crank case and a oil pump for sucking an oil stored in the oil pan through an oil strainer and supplying the oil to parts of the engine for lubrication, comprising:

a swelled portion formed on a bottom portion of the oil pan by swelling the bottom portion to a side opposite to the crankcase;

a cover member provided on the swelled portion for covering a part of the bottom portion;

an oil passage formed from the cover member and the bottom portion;

an oil introduction opening portion formed in the bottom portion for connecting the oil passage and inside of the crankcase; and

an oil suction opening formed in the bottom portion having a communication member for connecting the oil passage and the oil pump,

wherein the communication member has a pipe member connecting the oil pump and the oil passage, and an end of the pipe member is integrally attached to the oil pump, and the other end of the pipe member is detachably attached to the oil suction opening portion through a seal member.

4. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) An oil pan structure according to ~~claims~~claim 1, wherein a coolant water passage is formed in an outer circumferential portion of the oil passage.

5. (New) An oil pan structure according to claim 1, wherein the oil sucked by the oil pump is sent to an oil tank.